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TOPIC Field Exercises of the 1st Mech Div. in the West Doeberitz Training Grounds

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REMARKS

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1. It was learned that on 5 August 1955 the Buchow-Karpzow Landwirtschaftliche Produktionsgenossenschaft (Agricultural Production Cooperative) was ordered by the Soviets to start harvesting in the Buchow-Ketzin-Zachow area without delay and as quickly as possible. It did not matter, whether the corn and the other crops were already ripe or not, because the Soviets wanted to carry out major exercises in this area for some time. In order to speed up the harvest, the Soviets promised to dispatch details of Soviet soldiers who would help the farmers. On 7 August large-scale harvesting had started in the Knoblauch area, north of Ketzin. Soviet soldiers were not noticed.

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2. On 16/17 August, the bulk of the units of Doeberitz post, definitely including the whole of the artillery unit and Engineer Unit Timoshenko, left all barracks installations by road in a western direction, presumably for the Ketzin area. In the evening on 16 August and in the morning on 17 August the entraining of approximately 120 x T-34s from the Adler/Loewen Kaserne (2063) in Doeberitz was observed at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. Allegedly the units are to return on 25 August.

Comment. According to the observations made in the area west of the Doeberitz training grounds and in the Doeberitz post, the bulk of the 1st Mech Div. and of the 2d Light Arty Brig has departed on 16/17 August for a presumably 7-day exercise.

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